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LETTER DATED 20 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force has continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period 13 to 20 March for the purpose of surveillance and provocation, as follows:

13-14 March 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 9 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-7,500 m, centred on Irbil, Mosul, Sinjar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

15-16 March 1992

Fifteen sorties, flown by 7 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

16-17 March 1992

Twenty-six sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-4,500 m and in one case of 18,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Rawanduz, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

17-18 March 1992

Ten sorties, flown by 5 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at an altitude of 6,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Irbil, Rawanduz, Zakho and Amadiyah.

18-19 March 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Zakho, Irbil, Dohuk, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

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Twenty-seven sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 750-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Zakho, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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